

C. S. C. information with regard to Mr Temple falls much short of the great Expectations raised by the Public Papers, and by private Letters heretofore received; be pleased to send us the earliest Intelligence which way Lord Howe steers his Course from Boston, that if he comes this way we may be prepared to receive him.

P. S. If the Lead be not already sent off please order four Ton to Chester Town for the use of the Eastern Shore.

23 March 1776

No. 79. [To Charles County Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Charles County.
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We received a Letter yesterday from Mr Mackall one of the Committee of Observation for Calvert County advising us that they had not been supplied with Powder and Lead from your County agreeable to an Order of the Council which was made and transmitted you the 23rd of January. Delay upon such Occasions may be attended with dangerous Consequences and it will be impossible for us to direct the military Operations with any Probability of Success unless our Requisitions are complied with. Calvert is greatly oppressed and ought not to be without a proper supply of Ammunition. You may be assured it is our Wish to provide equally for the Defence of every Part of the Province and that we will not reduce your Stock below your Proportion. It appears by a Report of the Committee appointed by the last Convention to enquire into the State of the Arms and Ammunition that there were 1205½ lbs Powder in your County, and from them there have been but 250 sent to St. Mary's, so that you have now 955½ remaining. We desire you will therefore immediately dispatch the Barrels of Powder and Lead ordered to Calvert. When a further Distribution is made we will supply you with a full share.

24 March 1776

No. 80.

[Council to Hanson.]

To John Hanson Esq^r Chairman of the Committee
of the M. District of Fred^k County.

In Council of Safety
Annapolis March 22nd 1776

Sir.

We received your Letter of the 11th Inst. advising us what Price Sulphur bears in your County. We do not think our-